

REMARKS

In accordance with the foregoing, claims 1, 5, 8, 14, 19, 23, 29-31 and 33 have been amended. Claims 1-5, 7-17 and 19-33 are pending and under consideration. No new matter is presented in this Amendment.

Claim Objections:

Claims 1-5, 7-17, and 19-33 are objected to under 37 CFR 1.75(a) for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

Claims 1, 14, 23, 29-31 and 33 have been amended to overcome the Examiner's objections. Claims 5, 8, 19 have also been amended to improve form. It is respectfully requested that the objections be withdrawn.

The 35 U.S.C. §102(e) Rejection:

Claims 1-3, 10-16, and 20-26 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by Choi et al. (U.S. 2002/0172122 A1). The present application has a U.S. filing date of December 6, 2001 and claims priority to Korean Patent Application No. 2001-28688 filed on May 24, 2001. The effective date of Choi et al. as a reference is the U.S. filing date of November 28, 2001.

Attached hereto is a translation of Korean Patent Application No. 2001-28688 and a certificate of the translator that the translation is accurate. By filing the certified translation and certificate, applicants are entitled to rely on the May 24, 2001 Korean filing date. Thus, Choi et al. do not anticipate the present invention under 35 U.S.C. 102(e).

It is respectfully requested that this rejection be withdrawn.

Allowable Subject Matter:

At page 5 of the Office Action, the Examiner indicates that claims 4, 5, 7-9, 17, 19, 27 and 28 would be allowable if rewritten to overcome the objection(s) under 37 CFR 1.75(a), set forth in this Office action and to include all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Independent claims 1, 14 and 23 have been amended. Claims 4, 5, 7-9, 17, 19, 27 and 28 are deemed to be in condition for allowance based on the amendments of the respective independent claims from which claims 4, 5, 7-9, 17, 19, 27 and 28 depend.

The Examiner also indicates that claims 29-33 would be allowable if rewritten to overcome the 37 CFR §1.75(a) objections. Claims 29-31 and 33 have been amended to overcome the Examiner's objections. It is submitted that the amended claims are in condition for allowance.

Conclusion:

There being no further outstanding objections or rejections, it is submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. An early action to that effect is courteously solicited.

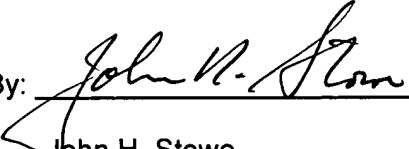
Finally, if there are any formal matters remaining after this response, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned to attend to these matters.

If there are any additional fees associated with filing of this Amendment, please charge the same to our Deposit Account No. 503333.

Respectfully submitted,

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